

Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **SUBSTITUTED PIPERIDINE AND PIPERAZINE DERIVATIVES AS MELANOCORTIN-4 RECEPTOR MODULATORS** (Attorney Docket No. 041165-9095-00), the specification of which was filed with our authority, on March 19, 2004, as International Application No. PCT/EP2004/002896.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following registered practitioners associated with the customer number identified below to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith; and request that the Office direct all communication in or pertaining to this application to:

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	Prior Foreign Application	
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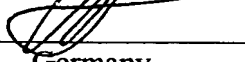
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


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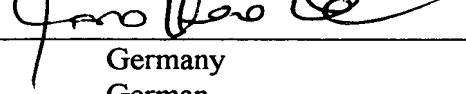
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